

founder of the Conservative party. Jews fought enthusiastically in German wars, and have enriched German science and art by achievements which will be remembered long after the present attempts at belittling them have been forgotten.

Not in all cases was the assimilation of the German Jews complete, and there were many families which had lived in Germany for generations and still showed a marked preference for Jewish tradition and culture, and did not share the predilection which the Germans have for Teuton mythology, their love of games, or their warlike spirit. But under the influence of German culture and of mixed marriages the percentage of these Jews was steadily decreasing, while games, which only two generations ago seemed to the Jews unimportant or ridiculous, now play an important part, and proficiency in them is widely and successfully cultivated.

If this process of assimilation and Germanization of the Jews had not been suddenly destroyed by the high tide of anti-Semitism, a split would probably have occurred in German Jewry; the majority would have been absorbed by the Germans, while a minority would have joined the new Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The process of assimilation would have been assisted by the decline in the Jewish birth-rate and the increasing participation of the non-Jews

in professions in which the Jews had
hitherto held an
eminent position.

It is a violation of acquired rights if the
German Government now cancels what previous governments
had deliberately done, in the course of several
generations, if they
refuse to the Jews the rights assured to them
at the time of
their Emancipation, and relegate them once
more to the
position of aliens. It is cruelty to forbid Jewish
officials,
judges, lawyers, doctors, artists, or
journalists to continue
in the professions which they have
honourably practised,
or other Jews to enter professions for which
they have been
training for many years. What Germany has
done under the